

Notice Regarding the Public Service Commission's Decision in Order No. 2018-369**Docket No. 2017-28-S: Application of Synergy Utilities, L.P. for Approval of Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions**

On December 1, 2017, Synergy Utilities, L.P. ("the Company") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission"). In this Application, the Company requested that the Commission approve an adjustment of rates and charges and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of sewer service. The Company requested an increase in revenues of \$148,225 for Service Territory 1, and an increase of \$84,365 for Service Territory 2, which total \$232,590.

The Commission held a Public Night Hearing near the Company's service territory in Orangeburg, SC on April 12, 2018. The merits hearing was held on April 19, 2018 in Columbia, SC. On May 23, 2018, based on the evidence in this case, the Commission approved an increase in revenues of \$201,316 annually.

For those customers whose wastewater is treated by the Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities (DPU), the DPU charges a service fee and a volumetric treatment charge to those customers. Based on testimony in the public record (for a bill in February 2018) and the Commission's newly approved rate of \$27.50, a customer's bill would be \$94.03. The DPU portion would be \$66.53 (71%) and Synergy's portion would be \$27.50 (29%).

A copy of the Commission Directive can be found here:

<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/583f634d-9aab-42c8-8c62-dba5adb88613>

Residential Sewer Service

Service Territory 1	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Single Family Residence	\$35.87	\$43.42	43.00
Apartments	\$34.07	\$41.24	40.85

Service Territory 2 Full Service Treatment & Collection by Synergy	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Single Family Residence	\$37.90	\$47.38	43.00
Apartments (per unit)	\$37.90	\$47.38	40.85
Mobile Homes	\$28.43	\$35.54	32.25

Service Territory 2 Collection Only by Synergy – Treatment by 3 rd Party	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Single Family Residence	\$23.03	\$28.79	27.50
Apartments (per unit)	\$23.03	\$28.79	27.50
Mobile Homes	\$17.27	\$21.59	21.00